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1. On 19 September 1949 ten school boys were arrested by the Militia in Galati. The boys were arrested because they gathered regularly in the house of Draganescu (former mayor of Galati) to collect money for the families of people imprisoned by the Communist regime. The total amount they were able to collect was 875 lei. All members of this group received sentences varying from eighteen months to six years imprisonment.
2. Prisoners working at the Danube-Black Sea Canal were not treated as badly as those in the prisons. They are authorized to receive any number of letters, clothes, and even large quantities of food if such food is brought to the camp by relatives. Food which is received by mail is limited to ten kilograms. Relatives are granted permission to speak to the prisoners provided the persons have accomplished their work quota and have conducted themselves well. In cases where the work quota had not been met or the prisoner had a bad conduct record, relatives had to return without having been able to see the prisoner or to deliver the food.
3. A labor camp called Colonia Peninsula near Valea Neagra is located north-east of Constanta and east of Canara. The camp could be reached by train from Galati to the Dorobantu railroad station, and from the Dorobantu railroad station by horse cart to Valea Neagra. No special authorization is needed to travel this distance by train and horse cart.
4. The labor camp is composed of about 30 barracks, some of them constructed of wood, others of brick. The area of the camp is fenced with barbed wire, and about 5,000 to 6,000 prisoners live crowded in this area. The work in the camp consists of breaking and carrying stones for the construction of the Midia harbor.

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